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Attorney's Docket No. 010830-116

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Claudine GUERIN-MARCHAND et al.) Group Art Unit: 1648
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Application No.: 09/837,344) Examiner: Duffy, P.
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**RESPONSE TO THE OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION REGARDING
NON-COMPLIANCE OF THE SEQUENCE LISTING REQUIREMENTS**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants received an Official Communication, mailed on June 10, 2002, which indicated that the Preliminary Amendment filed on February 21, 2002 was not fully responsive to the communication regarding non-compliance of the Sequence Listing requirements mailed on January 22, 2002. In particular, the Examiner has stated that "pending claims 3-18, 20 and 22-26 are still not in compliance"

Since the claims noted by the Examiner had been requested to be canceled in the transmittal documents filed on April 19, 2001, the undersigned attorney contacted Examiner Duffy on June 25, 2002 to discuss this matter. During the telephone conversation, Examiner Duffy had acknowledged that at least claims 3-18, 20 and 22-26 had been requested to be canceled and, thus, applicants were in fact in full compliance with the Sequence Listing

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requirements. Examiner Duffy instructed the undersigned attorney to file a response documenting that applicants were in compliance since such claims had been requested to be canceled. Further, Examiner Duffy indicated that it would not be necessary for applicants to file any extension of time or corresponding fees since the Official Communication mailed on June 10, 2002 was in error.

In view of the Examiner's comments, it is believed that no fees are necessary. However, should any fees be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

In the event that there are any questions relating to this application, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney concerning such questions so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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